



Students sort Mongolia fishes 2017

## President's Blog:

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I hope you are in a warm place this winter.

### Are you attending the 78<sup>th</sup> Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference?

The conference appears to be well organized with a solid website with a complete schedule including all presentations ([www.midwestfw.org](http://www.midwestfw.org)). The website predicts over 1,000 attendees with nearly 400 technical presentations and poster displays. An iCal ap is available for scheduling during the conference (<https://midwestfishwildlifeconferen2018.sched.com/mobile-site>). The Plenary session begins Monday morning at 8 am followed by 11 am Ignite Session – 5-minute presentations with less than 20 slides. Hope to see you there.

### Plan your year and include AFS

Put the annual Meeting of AFS on your calendar for Aug 19-23, 2018 in Atlantic City, NJ at the Atlantic City Convention Center (<https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>). Abstracts are due Mar 16, 2018, online registration will be available in May 2018. Symposium proposals are accepted until Jan 31, 2018.

### What are you reading?

Have you taken advantage of the online publications that are now available to all members at no additional cost? This is a great deal to all of us – Transactions of the AFS, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Journal of Aquatic Animal Health, North American Journal of Aquaculture, and Marine and Coastal Fisheries. I accessed NAJFM recently and was able to download articles. It took me a few tries to find a working link:

[https://secure.fisheries.org/MemberResponsive/Publications/AFS\\_Journals/MemberResponsive/AFS\\_Publications/AFS\\_online\\_journals\\_access.aspx](https://secure.fisheries.org/MemberResponsive/Publications/AFS_Journals/MemberResponsive/AFS_Publications/AFS_online_journals_access.aspx)